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Banner of promise, by freemen unfurled! Beacon of hope to a waiting world! Shining above is the starry throng, A rift in the murky clouds of wrong-Clouds that shall roll from their beams of light, Till the whole round dome is blue and bright.

Knoxville, Saturday, April 16, 1864.

Paying Loyal Men for their Slaves.

We are not the advocate of paying loyal that it is hard for a loyal man to lose his is the Baptist preacher who, at his Church traitors lurk in Monroe county. property and have no recompense. So it at Chestomer, prayed to God to give success is; but human existence is full of hardships, to the robel cause. John Scruggs is the and this rebellion subjects many truly loyal man who entertained rebel soldiers who to hardships greater than the loss of slave plumbered his Union neighbors; who has man-but who can reckon them up, and federate Bonds. It such men as this can friends pay them ail? The publication of our pa. come before our Courts of Claims and be per was suppressed, when we were doing a paid for their losses, the sooner such Courts prosperous business, and we were sent out are disbanded the better. We have no alof the State by the rebels. Who is to pay Jusion to any nation as yet, but we desire to politan. us for our losses? We don't expect the contrate this case and be the quartermasters man who has lost to an extent in slave pro- we will do it if the facts are denied. perty. In God's government the innocent suffer with the guilty. Why should we expect man's government to be more perfeet than God's?

ment of slave property only? Whence is who have committed treason against this had informed you. the revenue for this purpose derived? State, and we want to see the same thing I am now enjoying my liberty at home with Upon the poor white men, and upon the court in Knoxville. The Federal Court stranger God ever blossed. free white laborers of the State. We must will do it in next mouth, but let the State tax the poor white men made still poorer courts dorit also. Thousands can't escape by the war, to pay the losses of rich men, this indictment if the Judge is an honest Union man, and told me I would regret my course in order that the rich may suffer no loss at man, and has a jury that will not perjure But for an apology. I was under the delasion, all! And we must tax a class of men who itself. See an extract from Judge Bries s a great many young men were, that as my State assuming 2 more unfavorable aspect in never favored the rebellion to remunerate a charge: class who were active in bringing it about and nothing less. How will such a proposition strike the conscience and judgment Tennesse.

But many of our slaveholders are loyal and wers all the time opposed to the rebellion, and they have lost half they owned. as their property was in slaves. Granted. But is there any reason why the loyal slaveholder should possess any peculiar exemption from the losses and calamities of the war? Unless we are prepared to pay all the losses that the war has occasioned to oval men, we do not see how we can fairl i make an exception of one class and pay the slaveholder, though his loyalty is unquestionable. What! shall the slaveholder, n account of whose property, and on acount of whose class, this war has been brought on, and the nation plunged into the United States extends, but not to any as regards such vast losses—shall be alone demand to treason against the State of Tennessee. come out barmless from the wreck and ruin he war has brought upon the country?-Must all other men, no matter how loval dayes alone expect to be made whole and they are known to the facts. aved from every loss?

he State must be repudiated, and the latter try? estored as far as may be, by seizing the property of the guilty legislators, bank of-

More Fraudulent Claims.

by two of Bragg's men, as he afterwards sassins! old a neighbor of his. A few weeks ago litchie swore to an account against the Inited States Government for said horse. efore John Minis, Esq., of Madisonville -This scoundrel, when he comes before the oard for a voucher, ought to be taken to rison. This is the way things are going with he rebels who have been galvanized by taring the amnesty outh. Many of them are aking it in order to collect money off of he United States Government for what ebel soldiers have stolen from them., And pany who have taken this oath are acting

A Pretended Union Man.

Some mon are making protonsions John Scruggs, of Monroe county, stated to and deserve to be imprisoned.

Treason Against the State.

Jupus Bases, of Nashville, has called the attention of the Grand Jury of Davidson But why this hue and ery for the pay- county to the importance of indicting all

That the taking of the amnesty eath prescribed by the President does not excuse or pardon a person who has committed treason against the State of Tennesse. All who have been guilty of treason against the State are equally amenable to the laws after taking the amnesty outh as be

of Tannessee after taking the annessy own as be-fore. The Code of Tennessee thus defines treason: 1. Taking a commission from or under the authority of the enemies of the State, or of the United

3. Knowingly and willingly aiding or resisting my enemies at open war against the State or the nuced States.

By joining their enemies; By enlisting or persuading others to enlist for that

purpose:
By farnishing such ensures with arms, assuminition, provision or other article for their aid and

4. Forming, or being in any wire concerned in erming, any combination, plot, or conspiracy for straying the State, or the United States, into the unds or power of any foreign enemy.

 Giving or sending intelligence to the enemies
of the State for that purpose. The President's parden extends to all, so far as

Rebel Murders and Cruelties.

Hundreds of men have actually been and true, be stripped without remedy of hang and shot in upper East Tennessee by heir property and homes, be reduced from Longstreet's thieves and assassins. Men of out? iffluence to poverty, and the owners of character are coming in who testify that Yes; no chance for us to go to character to-day,-

The debt of Tennessee -- a debt incurred for Nathaniel Brown, of Washington county, sesrcher of all hearts; be resigned to the will of our magnificent State Capitol, our railroads, took James Bell, the brother of Dr. Bell, God, and centent with our lot, let it be cast where it our turnpikes, all our internal Laprove- of Greene county, forced him to lay his head will. You are not thinking of revenge, I hope, pents and public institutions - amounted to on a chunk in the road, and with stones and John, that makes you look so thoughtful? IGHTEEN MILLIONS OF BULLARS. We pro- clubs they beat his brain out. They took No; I was only thinking that if I were secreted ose to repudiate all the debts incurred some of the blood and brains and rubbed chile the State was in rebellion, but we are them under his wife's nove, cursing her, and clad boy or man step to the door and interrogate ot for repudinting the honest debt of telling her to smell them.! They then burned the gents within, I could interpret to you whether nonteen multions, logitimately incurred the house down, and its contents with it, or not it be an operat, replied officer that replies to The debt memored by rebel legislation and allowing her and her children to look on at the good natured impuries. chel issues of Bank paper, together with the flames. The notorious Wesley Peoples he stealing of the school tand, bank capi- and his brother, son of old Bill Peoples, tions he will speak as gentlemanly poliched as paral, and other effects of the people, by the were in this crowd. Will our men attend raitors who usurped the government of to them when we advance into that coun-becoming even of elderly persons, but he will

icers, and guardians, and appropriating it! and hell-hounds, who boast that the Lord is ty-just as though if it were in his power, he would on their side, and observes Jeff. Davis' days of fasting, humiliation and prayer, Strange Lemuel Ritchie, a hard-shell Baptist to say, these devils are but little behind any reacher, living either in Monroe or Me. and all Confederate partizans, in point of of the carnal mind of man? dinn county, had a horse stolen from him morals. What an army of thieves and as-

The Immortal Twelve.

A gentleman well informed hands us the following twelve names of men who came into this town and took the Federal oath, and are now in Osborne's company of thieves and murderers-making their boast that they take no prisoners. Should our men capture any of them, they will know how

to dispose of them. Mark Hicks. Huston Scisk, Mannon Clark

Cornelius Large, George Allen, Thomas Denton, Henderson Allen, Single McMahan, Jr., J. Proces Taylor, Jr.

A Few Cases for Consideration.

Some men are making pretentions sometimes are making pretentions by our authorities, to meet the treason of the loyalty in East Tennessee who must by our authorities, to meet the treason of the following letter, among others, was recognizes the fact that slavery is dead: Union cause. Loss than one month ago oath. Many of them are acting very badly,

a neighbor of his that he had obtained a Moses Jones took the outh in September. certificate from John Griffith and John and afterwards harbored Dick Vandyke, Stakely, to the effect that he was always a Jesse Hill, and a negro man, secreting them Union man, or had voted the Union ticket, and securing their escape. Solomon Wilson, and that said certificate had been sent to who took the outh in September, since then Knoxville and registered. He states that sold park to the rebels, to aid and abet the he has obtained another certificate from the cause of the rebellion. William Brown Provost Marshal of Monroe county, Joseph took the oath in September, and since that time furnished his two sens with horses to Now, what we have to say is, that Union go into the robel army. Wm. M. McKeeemployed in bolstering up notorious rebels. then urged A. J. Morgan, an orphan boy, and assisting them to recover fraudulent to go into the rebel army. This man McKeeclaims, which is going on all over East Ten- ben boasted that he had been at the killing nessee. John Scruggs is no part of a Union of some Union bushwhackers, and exhibitmen for their slaves, beyond the hounty or in the rebel army than to disgrace them- under the floor of a house. This man has \$300 offered by the government, when the selves by crossing over to Kentucky and since been elected a Justice of the Peace in unn upon Atlanta, Ga., and at the same

> Louron, East Tenn., April 4th, 1864. Hon, E. H. Ewing :

Sin: I notice in a reply by the rebel Tennomor ans on Johnson's Island, Ohio, to your publication, property. We have all had our losses in two sons in the rebel army now; and who my name attached to those infamous resolutions, and

I emphatically say that my name was placed ther unnuthorized by me, and I was not aware of the V fact that it was there until shown me by Licut. Col. if Lee's army were cut off from the South Pierson, of the 12th Onio, in the New York Metro-

Federal Government to pay us, although and others know who they are paying - such a document, when months before I had become we are as much entitled to pay as the loyal What we have charged we can prove, and convinced that I was wrong in fighting against the Union, and not with my noble old State in popular sentiment and feeling, and had applied to take the outh of allegiance in good faith, and return to my home and friends.

> It plainly shows that their resolutions were a fraud, and rigged up to injure those who were dispoved to become loyal, and no doubt half the names or more were forged to it, as Colonel Pierson said he

From taxes. Upon whom and upon what? done by the first loyal Judge that hold a friends and expect to remain loyal to the best Gov-

had went out it would be patriotic to fight for it. North Carolina. Her course is deeply but and did enlist with honest impressions. But since militating to every patriotic heart. Congress then the fortunes of war had opposed me, and placed is laboring diligently to strengthen our arthat my State, as the others, were carried out by fraud, and furthermore being convinced of the fullacy of the doctrine promulgated by the leaders of 2. Levying war against the State or the govern- the rebellion, that a State had a right to secode from the Union; and therefore I have sworn before high

sters and stripes. In conclusion I have only to say that a civilized race with the rebels have about played out, and today faul rebellion is cowering beneath the arm of power and justice, and as to the fate of the South I can but exclaim with the poet-

"Like Rome, degenerate Rosse, who for barbarous Bartered her virtue, liberty and repose,

Sold all that freemen praise as great and good, For pumps of death and theatres of blood."

I have the honor to be. Very respectfully your old servant, C. C. ALEXANDER.

SKETCHED BY THE WAYSIDE] A Bit of a Private Soldier's Mind.

Well, John, what success? Are the passes all

What shall we do, Jim?

Witcher's company of eavairy, piloted by tien, and lift our secret thoughts in prayer to the We'll stay in our tent, read the word of Inspira-

the conversation within, and should a timid, poorly-

How could you do that, John?

sible-yes, sir, and no, sir; which we know is well speak it in a dignified and commanding tone of This is the party of murderers, robbers, voice, indicative of his military power and authoriske all the nations of the earth bow at his coumand and worship, and adora him as a god. Poor, haughty, hard hearted, fallen race of men! I to is there (save One) that can begin to tell the depth "Savieur, I now with shame confess

My thirst for creature happiness; By hase desires I wrong'd thy love, And forced thy mercy to remove. A. W. SMITH. "Truth is power." First Independent Indiana Battery. Knozville, Tenn., April 2d, 1864.

Georgia WHEAT CROP.-The crops in Georgia are represented as looking very encouragingly. In some sections the growing wheat has been injured by the frost, but the general impression is that a few good, warm rains will revive it. Thus fer ev-erything looks promising for a good crop year.— Josesborough Telegraph.

We are glad to hear that the wheat crop

Letter from a Rebel Congressman.

Hon. J. B. Hancock our legs again. Doubtless the Federals will rection of Southwestern Virginia and North-

nent be allowed to succeed, that these conqueness must follow. This perison of rginia is now preity well eaten out, and What policy could there have been in me signing provisions exhausted, disbandment and des. Union live.

Should the movement upon Atlanta suc gred, then Georgin will be haid waste, and our chief source (at present) of provisions. will be cut off. No man can look forward to Spring without great apprehensions .-Daubtless our severest trials will then be ujon us. If we sustain ourselves, or more, if we gain any signal advantage over the enemy soon after the opening of the campagn, we may give the opposition elements are likely to adopt, but that would be con- grand audience. hese; n to protect, and not light against the glorious traband, our proceedings are in secret ses-

As ever, your friend, most truly, O. R. SINGLETON.

The Progress of the Union. While the rebellion which was inaugura

ted by the rebels to break up the Government and disever the Union is meeting its fate in the progress of events, it may be proper at this time to take a short retrocommencement of the rebellion the rebels moved single State they originally claimed except, rious and embarassing mistake. perhaps. South Carolina, and the coast line of that State, and of all the rest borderin. on the Atlantic and the Gulf is in the nosland they never had more than the pretense nessee, Louisiana and Arkansas, and the Territories have been wrested from them. clutches. We have lodgments in Alabama, quent appeal must be still burning in their Many of the unknown hodies have since Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and North heart.—Memphis Bulletin. Carolina, which are not only permanent in their character, but will in good time absorb the whole. And that leads us down to the present opening campaign. The cordon of the Union armies is encircling them like a wall of fire, and the next blows to be Federal army will be there in time to take paign, and that the progress of the Union will cover the whole land.

Death of Slavery.

a vote in Congress. It was killed off in the fonce-be su pla great tribulations. The present hour looks. North and South Carolina, Georgia, Fiorida, benefit yourself or any one open the campaign by moving a heavy col. is more uncertain in the great future. We habitants of this mandances here

prevent himself from being flanked and his craffy saw and owned this truth, till others in measures of accordance, they doubted thing will work to a chorm. by North and South will see and act upon It could not be provisioned for three months. The great truth that States can not be prac-Pressed in front, and harvassed in rear, with tically blotted out of existence and the . The Figure states that a ramor, for some

our judgment. For defending or opposing what has become of its contents. slavery for reasons identified with the Union The South did more to kill the institution following incident: "The heart of Voltaire, in one day, in the United States on the 12th as is generally known, was left by will to of April, 1861, than all the Abelitionists of the Villette family, and had been deposited the world combined. Is it not so?

Hon. Mr. Maynard's Speech. No words that we can employ would ile eloquence and wisdom that tell in such a scraple gross; the

dred citizens present representing the labor, for has given instructions that the heart the property, the worth and the intellect of shall be inclosed in a silver was and depostently from the beginning to the end of the course, bushed to silence except when breakwhen at the end of a two hours' discourse. proper at this time to take a short retro, the speaker reached his conclusion, the at the question of arming negroes, niways spective view of the great struggle. At the greater part of the andience remained and calculated the profit and loss of the matter. commencement of the rebellion the rebust ing to bear more of the captivating enter- arming the negro was so strong, that the claimed the larger pertion of the United ing to bear more of the captivating enter- arming the negro was so strong, that the claimed the larger pertion of the United ing to bear more of the captivating enter- arming the negro was so strong, that the claimed the larger pertion of the rebust ing to bear more of the captivating enter- arming the negro was so strong, that the

their fital circle. They vauntingly claimed We cannot but anticipate the most happy them would overweigh the military force of fourteen States and two territories-New results from Mr. Maynard's address. One the blacksolders. Governor Brown, speck-Mexico and Arizona and also jurisdiction of the first should be, and we think will be, ing of the fifty thousand able had ed saves over the Indian Territory, inhabited by the the abandonment on the part of all good compayed against the Southern Confederacy, Cherokees, Choctaws, &c. They claimed Union men, of the attempt of a few disconthe whole of the sea coast from the Dela. tented spirits to get up an opposition to the ware in the East to the Rio Grande in the true Unconditional Union party of Memware in the East to the Rio Grande in the true Unconditional Union party of Mem-groces had been couried into the interior by Southwest. They claimed the Mississippi phis. No fair man, no honest man, could their owners when the enemy approached river from its mouth to the northern line of have heard Mr. Maynard as nounce the the heality where they were employed, and Missouri, and they claimed the Ohio almost broad and catholic principles on which the put to work clearing hand and making provastness of the territory which they have seeing at once his duty to drop and repudi- thousand stronger and the enemy that claimed under the name of slave States gave ate the call for the meeting on Monday much weaker making a difference of one them an idea of power corresponding to the next, to bring schism into their ranks. One bandred thousand in the present relative in the chimney corner of some house, listening to extent of the territory, and, while pointing thing is evident enough. After Mr. May strength of the parties to the strangle the map, they induced the Governments nard's powerful and convincing argument as When a negro man, worth \$1,000 upon the Europe to accord to them belligerent to the true interpretation of the President's rights. But their dream of Empire has Annesty Proclamation, those persons who been exploded, and the territory which they think they will make favor or headway in which she should receive taxes, is lost, one claimed has dwindled down to a compara- any quarter by opposing the clear charter laborer who should be employed in the protively small part of its original fair proper-tions. What is their present position?— Johnson will wake up some day, and that laborer, or one more armed man, is added They have not the exclusive control of a not distant to the realization of a most se- to the strength of the enemy.

But whether or not all citizens are wise enough to forecast the immediate future, it does not much matter. It is a right that session of the Union forces. Over Mary- men have to dash themselves to pieces the National Cometery at Gettysburg, Paagainst events. Secessionists did it before were three thousand five lonnired and of a claim, and Missouri soon eladed their the war. Semi-Secessionists may be foolish twelve. About one thou and of them are grasp. Western Virginia. Kentucky. Ten- enough to do it now. But if such should be unknown, and deposited in that part of the be the infatuation of any insignificant few, enclosure set apart for those unless guized. they may not plead that they had no warning of their fate, for Mr. Maynard's elo- list slain belong to the State of N w York.

A. Warning to Snuff Takers. Lately a gentleman traveling through in small sums, ranging from the fractional England entered a first-class carriage, where part of a dollar up to fitty dollars, was alhe found a person already comfortably sentstruck will narrow the limits of what is yet ed who soon entered into conversation, and disinterred them. Thirty-six dollars in left of the boasted Confederacy." until their lines shall be obliterated and the face of the map cleared from the dark cloud of sooner entered his nostrils than it produced the garments of others, beside many relies, the rebellion. With Lieutenant-General the effect of a powerful narcotic, of which incincutors, ac. All this money and these Grant in the East, and Major-General Sher- the weary traveler soon took advantage by reves have been taken care of by the comman in the West, there is every prospect relieving his companion of fifteen thousand mittee, properly labeled, and held in sefe and every hope that the rebellion will be france in bank notes, three thousand france keeping for the relatives, should they ever is good in the rebal State of Georgia. The driven to the wall during the coming cam- in other money, besides his watch, chain be discovered. An elegant hunting case and ring, with which valuables, it is need-gold watch and fire or six si ver watches less to say, he escaped undetected were also found upon different bodies. less to say, he escaped undetected

Keep Your Lye on Your Neighbors. Something more decisive must be done, Glowing Views at Richmond—Pears and Hopes— The New Albany Ledger, the best Demo- Take care of them. Do not let them stire the transfer of the transfer o

cratic newspaper published in Indiana, thus without watching. They may do something recognizes the fact that slavery is dead: writing if you do. To be sure you never know them to do snything very bad, but it saptured at Canton, Mississippi, during Gen. Sherman's march. It was by O. R. the abolition party who nevertheless believe Perhaps it it had not been for your kind Singleton, of Canton, Mississippi, who has that the folly of the South and the events care, they might have degraced themselves a brother, we believe, of some notoriety, in of the war have killed the institution of and finalles a long time ago. Therefore do Quincy, Illinois. The letter was kindly slavery. The New York Express remarks, not refer any effort to keep them where loaned to the correspondent of the Chicago. loaned to the correspondent of the Chicago treet of Columbia, at an expense of a suit- business, that will take core of fiself There Tribure, by the officer having it in posses in of dollars to the Federal Treasury, by is a man passing along the laboling of Western Virginia by the votes of the peo- he contempiates at . 1 ng samething s mout It is being killed off in Missouri and these dark nights there is no knowing Dear Sir. I wish I had to-day a glass of your excellent wine as I feel somewhat languaged and fatigued after my multiplied and gone between the Potomac and Rehmond one passing out of the path of duty, tell citizens and Provost Marshals are badly hen took the onth in September, and since incessant duties here. I hope some day to in one direction, and nearly up to Rich overy one also you can see and be particular. drink the health of our young nation and mond on the Peninsula. It is struck out of lar to see a great many, it is a proof way talk over our "hair-breadth escapes" and existence on the whole coast front along to circulate such things, though it may not gloomy to be sure; but, like yourself, I be and Texas, on the Mississippi, in parts of Dake paramething going -s lence is a frendlieve in ultimate success. To give us this Alabama, Arkansas, as well as in a portion ful thing; though it is said the ew a sell-need man, but is the man who openly avowed of a ring that came off of the finger of a success, we want to strike an effective blow of Louisiana. No property is now held by in heaven for the space of half an hour, do that he had sooner his sons should be killed. Union bushwhacker they killed and hid early in the Spring. This will set us on so frail a tenure as property in slaves, and not let may such thing occur on earth; it nothing that has been stable and profitable would be too much like ite yen for the innegroes are enlisted in the service. It is said going into the Federal army. John Seruggs John Seruggs district. What a nest of time a heavy one from Knowville, in the discharge in the way in any one you may be sure it all the people of the slaveholding States is not because they have not done anything This latter, if not repelled, will force upon them is the constitutional power to control you have lost sight of them—throw out feen Lee the necessity of falling back from their own destiny while dealing with slave—hints that they are no latter than they his present position, it may be from Rich. ry. The longer the war lasts the weaker should be that you should not wonder if mond, and almost entirely from Virginia, to will slavery be. Administration men gen- people found out what they were after a while, then they may not earry their heads army from being entirely disbanded or des. owned it also and then with the perversity so high. Keep it agoing and some one will this war—the mechanic and the laboring has made investments in the so-called Con thought I would set myself right before you and my troyed. You can see at once if this move, which so often controls men whose principle take the lant and begin to help you after a consists rather in acts of opposition than while-then there will be music, and every-

Fuction must follow.

Then it becomes a matter of the first moment to guard the rear of the army of the more than either. The time has passed in tomb is empty, and nothing is known as to in their chateau; the passent Marquis de Villette, a descendant of Voltaire, having The most natural blea was to place it with peace until the Republican party is beaten granuful periods from the grifted speaker ... become a place of Christian worship, and if we take pleasure and pride in saying that the reason was rather from a consideration so noble an oration has rarely been heard that what was done could not be unione within the limits of the State. Mr. May- than from any other, at all events, no fresh nard more than sustained the high reputa- ceremony relative to Voltaire could take me upon Johnson's Island a prisoner of war, where my and improve our currency. I hope we tion he has hitherto borne in the walks of place in that building without the authori-I had an opportunity to reflect and post myself upon the condition of affairs, and an impartial history of both of these ends. The remedy is a severe which we shall be happy to present to morbut the disease is desperate, and no row in tuli, will bear us out in what we a reply, first hinted that there was a belief silly nostrum will answer. The cause is the claim for it. Suffice it to say, that he did that since the year 1814, the Pantheon pospeople's and they must sustain it at all haz-bonor to the cause he so nobly advocated, sessed nothing belonging to Voltaire but an ris, and the representative who falters in did honor to himself, and to the Uncondi- empty tomb. In consequence it was deterthis hour of trial is not worthy of confi. tional Union men of West Tonnessee, in re- mined to verify the truth of the report. A dence. I would tell you what measures we sponse to whose call he appeared before that few days back the stone was vaised, and, as the Archbishop had stated the tomb was And the audience was grand. There found to be empty. A strict inquiry into were few, if any, less than twenty five him the subject has been ordered, and the Empethe city. And a more deeply interested an- itsel either in the great half of the Imperial dience was never seen. They listened in- Library or at the Institution of France.

Gov. Buows, of Georgia in his message, ing into enthusiastic applicase at some beautiful and telling point of the speaker. And moves strong to thought as to the efficient of gives strong to timony as to thu efficacy of availing negroes. Progitical men, in looking as if they were waiting and desir. The question was whether the apposition to

> visions, we should to day have been fifty of the aggregate wealth of the State, upon

The Cemetery at Gettysburg.

The rotal number of bolies remove to Nearly or quite a fourth of the whole numered from letters, photographs, medals, dearles, clothing and other things hand on the corpses. Quite an amount of money, so tound upon these bodies by these who